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SUBJECT: TIP PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM MEXICO FOR 2007 ESF AND  
INCLE FUNDS

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¶1. (U) Embassy Mexico City established a committee to review 14 project proposals from non-governmental organizations in Mexico requesting funding support from FY2007 INCLE and ESF appropriations. The following sections of the Embassy were represented on the committee: Political, Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Post selected five project proposals to submit to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) as requested in reftel. Of the five projects, post selected the proposal by Casa Alianza as its first choice for funding, since the organization has the most comprehensive program to combat trafficking and is backed by a very strong record in addressing the needs of trafficking victims. The full proposals of the five projects will be forwarded to the appropriate contacts in G/TIP by email. Following are summaries of the five proposals selected.

¶2. (U) Applicant: Fundacion Casa Alianza Mexico, IAP

Funding amount: US\$ 591,774

Project title: Human Trafficking Victims

Project duration: One year

Proposal extract: Fundacion Casa Alianza Mexico (FCAM) provides services to boys and girls aged 12 to 18 who have been victims of some form of human trafficking, among other forms of abuse. FCAM has an anti-violence and sexual exploitation program, which is designed to provide quality education, treatment, and services to children victims of abuse or those at high risk to become victims by (1) the work of FCAM's street outreach team, and (2) the residential program of the five FCAM care homes. FCAM proposes the following programs for funding:

¶A. Victims Services: To expand the program to help victims who are living on the streets and invite them to live in FCAM care homes for their protection and for medical, psychological and legal help; to promote the telephone hotline for victim support and guidance.

¶B. Civil Society (information campaigns and training): To expand the anti-sexual exploitation campaign aimed at civil society and the private sector and develop the FCAM website with exclusive information dedicated to this subject.

¶C. Government: To participate in conferences and networks to produce formal proposals to influence new laws or to modify existing regional and national laws; to provide legal assistance to support and protect victims during the rehabilitation process.

¶3. (U) Applicant: Center for Studies and Research in Social Development and Assistance (CEIDAS)

Funding amount: US\$ 300,000

Project title: Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution Program

Project duration: Two years

Proposal extract: Since 2006, CEIDAS has developed a Trafficking Prevention Program with objectives to (1) promote the creation of public policies to prevent human trafficking and protect victims, and (2) to implement an awareness campaign on human trafficking at the national level. CEIDAS proposes the following activities for funding:

1A. To publish a TIP State Prevention Model that serves as a guide to design preventive public policies in the ten states of Mexico with the highest incidence of human trafficking.

1B. To continue to raise the priority of TIP on the public agenda through promoting CEIDAS' TIP awareness materials in the mass media.

1C. To publish a TIP Prosecution Manual to be used as an instructive tool for lawyers and prosecutors who need to interpret existing legislation for prosecuting TIP cases or to create new legislation; to provide TIP prosecution training and assistance to lawyers who train other lawyers.

1D. To develop an extended TIP diagnosis in the ten states of Mexico with the highest incidence of human trafficking, in order to track TIP cases and create a database that will provide reliable statistics to measure the magnitude of trafficking.

14. (U) Applicant: Casa del Migrante

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Funding amount: US\$ 126,620

Project title: Project for the Rescue of Victims of Human Trafficking

Project duration: Two years

Proposal extract: Casa del Migrante provides temporary shelter for migrants passing through Tapachula, Chiapas, in addition to food, medical care, moral and material support, and instruction in the protection of human rights. Casa del Migrante has increasingly become involved with trafficking in persons, specifically in designating a separate area in its shelter for trafficking victims. Casa del Migrante proposes the following activities for funding:

1A. To create a technical group.

1B. To establish a secure shelter for trafficking victims.

1C. To provide an emergency route for trafficking victims, which is a system that involves the creation of a victims' hotline, safe lodging, medical and psychological assistance, and possible repatriation and reunification with the victim's family or the provision of a humanitarian visa and the normalization of status in Mexico.

15. (U) Applicant: Consultancy, Training and Assistance in Health, A.C. (ACASAC)

Funding amount: US\$ 245,363

Project title: Intervention Model for Human Trafficking in Southeastern Mexico

Project duration: Two years

Proposal extract: ACASAC is an organization based in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, and since 1995 has focused

on women's health and rights by providing direct health care, prevention awareness and training; establishing a shelter for abused women and children; and creating a center that provides legal, psychological and social assistance. ACASAC proposes the following activities for funding:

1A. To provide holistic attention (psychological, legal, medical care) to women and children victims of trafficking.

1B. To provide temporary and safe shelter to trafficking victims.

1C. To promote awareness about trafficking in persons and the services available to victims.

1D. To provide emergency attention to trafficking victims through a telephone hotline.

16. (U) Applicant: Catholic Relief Services

Funding amount: US\$ 256,641

Project title: Enhancing and Institutionalizing Anti-Trafficking Capacity and Practice in Mexico

Project duration: Two years

Proposal extract: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) recently received funding from the State Department to fight trafficking and has already conducted a survey of 83 dioceses across Mexico to determine the current level of understanding and capacity to address trafficking in persons; held a regional workshop; drafted a training manual; designed media announcements on trafficking; and worked with the non-governmental organization Sin Fronteras to establish formal cooperative agreements for the referral, treatment and support of trafficking victims. CRS proposes the following activities for funding:

1A. To expand and institutionalize the anti-trafficking capacity of the Catholic network of social service providers.

1B. To train regional anti-trafficking coordinators and expand anti-trafficking efforts of the Mexican church social service network in the northern and southern areas of Mexico.

1C. To strengthen church-civil society cooperation mechanisms around prevention and protection of victims of trafficking and sex tourism in at least ten dioceses in Mexico.

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